

CITY OR TOWN LIFE?

Tommy Wilkins Tries Both and Prefers Stringville.

A TALE OF TRUE CONDITIONS

How a Youth From a Small Town Invaded Chicago With Tall Notions. Things Not What They Seem From Distance That Lends Enchantment.

This is just the simple little story of the going up and the coming down of Tommy Wilkins. No matter where he lives. You have known youths exactly like Tommy. You will recognize in Tommy some old acquaintance.

Tommy Wilkins lived in a small town until he was lured away by visions of vast wealth and the blowing in thereof lured him. The small town had no amusements such as horse racing, pool selling places, big league baseball games, not even a hockey club; but, after all, it had its compensations. There was the lively life in the main street, with the general stores, the printing office, the bakery and other places of business. Then there were the quiet residential streets, bordered with trees that almost overlapped their leaves in summer time, with pretty green lawns all around the houses. The residences themselves were comfortable and cozy, with lots and lots of fresh air circulating around and through them and plenty and plenty of God's unadulterated light pouring in through the windows. In front were porches with rustic chairs.

In one of these cozy cottages dwelt Tommy Wilkins with his parents and two younger brothers and a sister. Sister was a little older than Tommy who was just twenty and feeling important enough for forty. Sister was engaged to the head clerk in the Brown & Brown's general store, who earned \$20 a week.

"Chuck him, sis," said Tommy Wilkins. "You just wait about a year and I'll find you a man to fall in love with who'll be worth your while. I'm going to Chicago to live, I am. I'm tired of clerking in Hurl's grocery store for 20 per, and I'm going where the big opportunities are."

Sister laughed softly.

"In about a year, Tommy," said sister in a sisterly way, "you can come back here and board with Ned and me. We won't charge you a cent till you get your old job back or something else to do."

"Huh!" ejaculated Tommy Wilkins who made off next day for Chicago.

Tommy did better in Chicago right from the start. He got a job in a dry goods store at \$12 a week. Of course his \$9 at home wasn't the worst in the world, for his parents had boarded him free. In Chicago, of course, it cost him \$7.50 a week for board, a tiny hall bedroom at the top of the house, rear without heat and practically without light and air by reason of the amazing closeness of similar buildings. But then Tommy had \$4.50 left over to pay car fare, bus standup lunches at the football rush hash joints, purchase clothes with which to shine in society, buy theater tickets, play the racos and—but, come to think of it, no use to mention baseball, for Tommy never had time to attend a game.

Then again, Tommy really needed no money for fine clothes, because he had no use for fine clothes. He knew nobody in the city except his landlady who smiled upon him just once a week—for \$7.50 per smile. True, he did know, so to speak, the lady across the table, who worked in De Smith's department store as "head saleslady" at \$11 a week, but Tommy didn't like the De Smith person. She had spoken to him just once. She had said across the table:

"Where are you from, Mr. Wilkins?"

"Wilkins," corrected Tommy, "Wilkins. I'm from Stringville."

"What are you doing in the city?"

"Clerking at Solomon & Isaacs," replied Tommy, swelling with manly pride.

"Huh! You'd better go back to Stringville," commented Miss De Smith, scooping up the final stewed prune from her dinner dessert.

"Go back to Stringville," Tommy mentally echoed as he climbed the three flights of stairs to his cell on the top tier. "Well, anyhow, did get something to eat there that didn't give me the feeling of being stuffed full of baked beans. And I wore pretty good clothes there, with fair prospects of getting a new suit when I needed one and I had friends there, yes, friends. There's 200,000 people in this burg, but not a single solitary one of 'em carries a red copper for Tommy Wilkins."

Tommy had been in Chicago eight months and had saved \$8, the price of a ticket to Stringville, when one Saturday night after paying his board he received a letter from sister something like this:

Dear Tommy—if you think Ned is good enough for me, we'll be married next Wednesday noon in the Methodist church. Bring some of your high life friends down

and attend the wedding, won't you? And Ned says, if you will accept, he'll get you a job in the store at \$12 a week, and we won't charge you but \$8 for board.

The only reason Tommy Wilkins didn't wire his acceptance was that he needed all of his cash on hand to buy the railroad ticket. When he got back to Stringville he remarked confidentially to sister:

"There is high life in Chicago, sir, but it's so plagued high that it is not visible to the naked eye of 200 out of 2,000 young fellows who go up there to fly high. Stringville life looks lowly to me."

MODEL VILLAGES.

Excellent Plan Followed by a Mining Settlement in France.

Consul H. Albert Johnson in a report from Liege gives details of coal mining enterprises in Belgium, one of which is planning to establish a model mining village, and has engaged an engineer in charge of a mining plant at Bedouine, in France concerning which the consul writes:

"These French mines employ a force of some 8,000 workmen. The possess 2,000 workmen's dwellings that are rented to the miners at from \$1.15 to \$1.54 a month. The houses, with gardens attached, are arranged in attractive villages, with broad streets and boulevards. Churches and schools have been built. The water supply, sanitary arrangements and the electric light plant are all of the most modern and up-to-date class.

"A visit to Bedouine proved highly satisfactory to the officials of the Liége region and has tended to strengthen their determination to build up their new organization, following closely as possible the model set by the French mines. Thus, according to the plan, this new mining settlement in the Campania will be most beneficial innovation, and foster of the future sanitary condition of hands, paled one against the other without either symmetry or design, the new mining village will present an attractive and orderly collection of neat cottages grouped on well laid out and broad streets, with a plentiful supply of good water and the most advanced system of electric lighting and sanitary appointments."

Novel Road Marker.

It is very annoying to have grocery wagons and other vehicles spoiling the lawn by cutting off the corners of the drive, and many people use white washed stones at intervals to warn drivers not to come too close to the grass. However, these are not pleasing objects. A novel plan published by a gentleman in Lawrence, N. Y., is worth considering, says the New York Herald. Three or four poles were planned together in such a way as to have a private drive, and it is deemed necessary to have something that would indicate by night where the road was that led to this gentleman's house. To save the expense of a post and artificial light, he planted white birch trees which is fairly conspicuous except on the darkest night and serves all practical purposes, as well as a more expensive and less beautiful light.

RAILWAY BEAUTY SPOTS.

Phlox and Hydrangeas For Stations. Blue Grass For Right of Way.

One of the good things for which people have to thank the railroads is the progress they are making in beautifying their right of way. It is the practice of the Pennsylvania, as Moody's Magazine points out, to surround its passenger stations with little parks with terraces and grace fully curving paths and roadways. To care for these station parks is part of the duty of the maintenance of way department, just as it is to keep the rails and ties in good order. Flowers and shrubbery are planted in artistic plots, and gardeners keep them fresh and flourishing.

At a station on the Long Island railroad, which is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania, 600 trees and shrubs besides beds of phlox and hydrangeas were set out in 1907. For another station on the Long Island railroad 425 shrubs and twelve trees have been ordered of the so called perennials and evergreens.

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Henceforth the standard roadbed when the tracks are in a cut, will be edge the sodded slopes. Blue grass used for sodding will prevent the erosion which has given engineers so much trouble in times past. In helping to solve the drainage problem the grass is even more useful than it is ornamental.

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The Artesia News is authority for the statement that an independent ticket will mix things with the democrats in Eddy county this year, it stating that the people of all parties will be invited to join in the movement. This now appears to be the best course to pursue, and the result will be watched with interest. The democratic party has had complete possession of Eddy county so long that many of the common herd have tired out, whether to the point of voting anything except the Democratic ticket remains to be seen. Roswell Register Tribune.

If anybody should have the temerity to trot out such a headless, fatherless ticket as is described above, we would like to know who will have the temerity to vote it? Certainly no "staunch" republican would throw down his colors and vote it, and we know that there is not a "true blue" democrat in Eddy county who could by any amount of argument or persuasion be drawn into such a conglomerate mess. "The democratic party has had complete possession of Eddy county" and it is going to keep it, notwithstanding the frantic efforts of a few outsiders to create dissensions. Every democrat in the county will vote the democratic ticket, and we hope that the republicans will vote with their party, unless they can be made to see the extreme error of their way and fall in with the Democrats. —Lakewood Progress.

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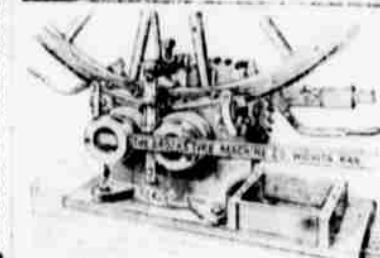
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Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, Territory of New Mexico, that there will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 1908, which will be the first Tuesday in April, an election in and for the town of Carlsbad for the purpose of electing the following officers for said town to

one Mayor to serve two years.

One Recorder to serve two years.

One Marshal to serve two years.

Two Trustees to serve two years.

One Trustee to serve two years to fill the vacancy of Todd Barber resigned.

Two members of the Board of Education to serve two years.

One member of the Board of Education to serve four years.

Said election to be held in manner and form as provided by the statutes of the Territory of New Mexico. The polls, which shall be located at the town hall in said town shall be open from 8 o'clock a. m. until 6 o'clock p. m. under direction and control of the following judges, to wit:

Geo. M. Pendleton, W. L. Bohm, N.

J. Taylor, the same having been regis-

tered and appointed by the Board of Trustees of the town of Carlsbad in regular session assembled.

That those voters who have been previously registered according to the territorial statutes shall vote at and election, the books for which are now open at the office of S. Cunningham, Justice of the peace, at the court house in Carlsbad, New Mexico, during the hours of the following day of registration regularly appointed by the Board of Trustees of the town of Carlsbad in regular session assembled.

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